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SUBJECT: SOVIET BASKET III IMPLEMENTATION

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED BY MR. FRIENDLY.
THE STATISTICS ON SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRATION ARE PROVIDED
BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT; THE OTHER INFORMATION COMES
FROM THE CSCE COMMISSION.

SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

1960 - PRESENT
(ARRIVALS OF SOVIET JEWS IN VIENNA WITH SOVIET EXIT VISAS
FOR ISRAEL)

YEAR	ARRIVALS
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1960-1971	APPX. 10,000
1971	14,000
1972	31,500
1973	33,500
1974	20,700

YEAR ARRIVALS

1975	13,300
1976	14,300
1977	16,700

MONTH BY MONTH COMPARISON 1976 AND 1977

MONTH	1976	1977	1978
JANUARY	969	1,245	1,761
FEBRUARY	1,218	1,063	
MARCH	1,391	1,030	
APRIL	1,115	1,204	
MAY	1,120	1,193	
JUNE	1,173	1,268	
JULY	823	1,305	
AUGUST	815	1,474	
SEPTEMBER	1,030	1,622	
OCTOBER	1,254	1,850	
NOVEMBER	1,542	1,543	
DECEMBER	1,814	1,940	

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON ARKADY MAI:

ARKADY MAI, AN ENGINEER, RESIDES IN MOSCOW WITH HIS WIFE,
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ELENA SEIDEL, AN UNEMPLOYED LINGUIST, AND THEIR 15 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. THE FAMILY FIRST APPLIED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL TO REJOIN ELENA'S MOTHER AND BROTHER IN FEBRUARY 1974. THEY WERE REFUSED ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE HAD ACCESS TO STATE SECRETS WHEN HE WORKED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION, APPARENTLY TRANSLATING FOREIGN ENGINEERING MATERIAL. MAI WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE DECEMBER 1976 SYMPOSIUM ON JEWISH CULTURE AND TOOK VITALY RUBIN'S PLACE AS LEADER OF THE REGULAR CULTURAL SYMPOSIUMS WHEN RUBIN EMIGRATED. THE FAMILY NOW LIVES ON PENSION, AS MAI WAS INJURED IN WORLD WAR II, AND QUALIFIES AS A DISABLED VETERAN. THE DATE OF LAST KNOWN REFUSAL IS MAY 1976. HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW IS SOPHIA YAKOVLEVNA BERMAN AND SHE LIVES IN HAIFA.

UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF THE SOVIET HELSINKI WATCHERS

FURTHER ARRESTS AND SENTENCES:

ARMENIAN GROUP:

SHAGEN ARUTUNYAN ARRESTED, DECEMBER 23, 1977
TRIED, JANUARY 18, 1978

CHARGE: RESISTING REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THE AUTHORITIES
SENTENCE: 3 YEARS (STRICT REGIME?)
CAMP

ROBERT NAZARYAN ARRESTED, DECEMBER 23, 1977

AMBARTSUM KHLGATYAN ARRESTED, DECEMBER 23, 1977
RELEASED A FEW DAYS LATER

GEORGIAN GROUP:

VIKTOR RTSKHILADZE ARRESTED, JANUARY 25, 1978

MERAB KOSTAVA FEBRUARY 1978 IN TBILISI
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AWAITING TRIAL

ZVIAD GAMSAKHURDIA FEBRUARY 1978 IN TBILISI AWAIT-
ING TRIAL (WIFE WAS TOLD TO BRING
CLOTHES FOR HIM; IMPLICATION:
IMPENDING TRIAL)

GRIGORY GOLDSHTEIN ARRESTED, JANUARY 23, 1978
RELEASED A FEW DAYS LATER
TOLD TO GET A JOB WITHIN 20 DAYS
OR FACE CHARGES OF PARASITISM

UKRAINIAN GROUP:

OLES BERDNYK ARRESTED, DECEMBER 12, 1977
RELEASED 15 DAYS LATER

NEW MEMBERS:

MOSCOW: TATIANA OSIPOVA, VIKTOR NEKIPELOV
UKRAINE: V. KALYNYCHENKO, V. STRILTSIV

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